

**Shout outs:** One of the things politicians do is ride in parades. It seems that this has been a part of the job as long as there have been elections. I have 3 parades held annually in my Congressional District.

One of them is a 4th of July parade in the City of Lake Forest, California, and this is the 6th year that I have participated in it. For those of you not from around these parts, Lake Forest is a very nice city, and the parade always has a strong turnout from people from around the area representing a cross-section of America. This is Orange County so they are mostly Republican, but not overwhelmingly so. As you ride around in a parade, people shout things at you. I hear most of them. Not all of them are nice or complimentary, as you might expect. Although this year, there were no negative shouts not to mention offensive ones.

But what surprised me most, was what the number one shout out this year was. It was "CUT MY TAXES". Note, very few people said "Don't raise my taxes" or "keep my taxes low". No, the majority of all the shout-outs asked me to cut their taxes. No one asked me to raise their taxes, spend more, or increase the debt. This is a clear illustration of the often wide gap between that exists between Washington, DC and main street America. In DC, particularly amongst the current majority party, it is practically a given that taxes will be raised to close the deficit, it's just a question of when, on whom, and by how much. Many of the talking heads on TV and in scholarly journals are trying to get America to accept that taxes must and will be raised with no alternative solution. The idea of keeping tax rates even where they are should be considered an unachievable pipe dream. Yep, sadly that's what those inside the beltway think.

But not in real America. Real America understands that increased taxes and spending do not create jobs or growth. Lower tax rates can generate more tax revenue to the government once confidence in the economy has been restored and once tax rates encourage and reward risk taking and investment. I hear you Lake Forest. I hear you. Let's try and carry that shout to Capitol Hill.

**One Penny:** A constituent came up to me the other day to show me a bill he had received from the IRS for one penny. I'm not making this up. He had a letter from the IRS with a 44 cent stamp on it and 3 sheets of paper inside demanding he pay a tax deficiency of \$.01. Any private company would write this off because the cost of collecting will be hundreds of times the amount received. But of course not the government. And they say there's no place to cut.

If you don't believe me, here is a [redacted copy of the bill](#) .

Until next time, I remain respectfully,

Congressman John Campbell